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### **Teckla-Osage-Rapid City Project Final EIS Available for Public Review**

**(DOUGLAS, Wyo.) December 11, 2014** – The Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have recently completed a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Teckla-Osage-Rapid City 230 kV Transmission Line Project.

The FEIS and draft Forest Service decisions are available for public review on the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland (MBRTB) web site at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/mbr/projects>, as well as on the Black Hills National Forest (BKNF) web site at <http://go.usa.gov/Bh1>.

This project, proposed by Black Hills Power (BHP), would construct and operate a 230 kV transmission line connecting the Teckla Substation in Campbell County, Wyo. to the Osage Substation in Weston County, Wyo. and the Lange Substation located in Pennington County near Rapid City, S.D. The project is proposed to strengthen the transmission network, improve transmission system reliability, and to help meet future demand for electricity and economic development in the region.

In Wyoming, the proposed line would cross private, state, and public lands including lands managed by the MBRTB and BLM. In South Dakota, the line would cross private and public lands including lands managed by the BKNF. The proposed line would cross the BKNF south of Deerfield Lake and Pactola Reservoir, and exit the National Forest north of St. Martin's Monastery near Rapid City.

The final decisions on this project are expected in late February 2015. They will be issued by the Responsible Officials, who are Craig Bobzien, BKNF Forest Supervisor; Dennis Jaeger, MBRTB Supervisor; and Stephanie Connolly, District Manager, BLM High Plains District, for the Federal lands in their respective jurisdictions. Neither the Forest Service nor the Bureau of Land Management has authority to make decisions for this project on non-Federal land.

For more information on this project, or to request a copy of the Teckla-Osage-Rapid City FEIS and/or draft RODs, please contact Hillary Shirley at (307) 358-7115.

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